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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (STAUFFENBERG, FRANZ LUDWIG SCHENK GRAF VON),
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF BUNDESTAG DEPUTY VON STAUFFEN-
BERG

1. CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY FRANZ LUDWIG SCHENK GRAF VON STAUFFENBERG PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. IN LATE MARCH--EARLY APRIL. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 29, AND BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS THERE MARCH 30 AND 31 (THURSDAY, FRIDAY) AS WELL AS APRIL 6 AND 7 (THURSDAY, FRIDAY). HE WILL RETURN TO THE FRG APRIL 9.

2. HEIR TO AN ILLUSTRIOUS NAME (HIS FATHER IS THE BEST KNOWN OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE JULY 20, 1944 ATTEMPT AGAINST HITLER), COUNT VON STAUFFENBERG HAS BEEN A BUNDESTAG MEMBER SINCE 1972. WHILE NOT A LEADING FIGURE IN THE BAVARIAN CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST UNION (CSU) AT PRESENT, HE HAS A FIRM POLITICAL BASE, IS LIKELY TO REMAIN A BUNDESTAG DEPUTY AS LONG AS HE WISHES, AND MAY ACQUIRE MORE INFLUENCE IN A POST-STRAUSS ERA. STAUFFENBERG SPEAKS ENGLISH.

3. IN WASHINGTON, STAUFFENBERG WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE TOPICS OF U.S.-GERMAN INTEREST WITH EMPHASIS ON THE
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NEUTRON WEAPON AND SALT. HE WOULD APPRECIATE, AND WE RECOMMEND, A CHANCE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST; PM DIRECTOR GELB OR DEPUTY IF GELB NOT AVAILABLE; AND EUR/CE DIRECTOR WOESSNER AT STATE. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBER(S) OF NSC STAFF, AND TO MEET WITH SENATORS OR CONGRESSMEN.

4. OTHER PARTS OF VON STAUFFENBERG'S U.S. PROGRAM ARE BEING ARRANGED BY MR. CHARLES MAYER OF WASHINGTON, TELEPHONE (202) 363-5449. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT MR. MAYER TO COORDINATE APPOINTMENT TIMES WITH OTHER PARTS OF PROGRAM.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS BY MARCH 22 OR (AT LATEST) MARCH 23 BECAUSE WE WILL BE UNABLE TO REACH STAUFFENBERG AFTER THAT DATE IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THEM.
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